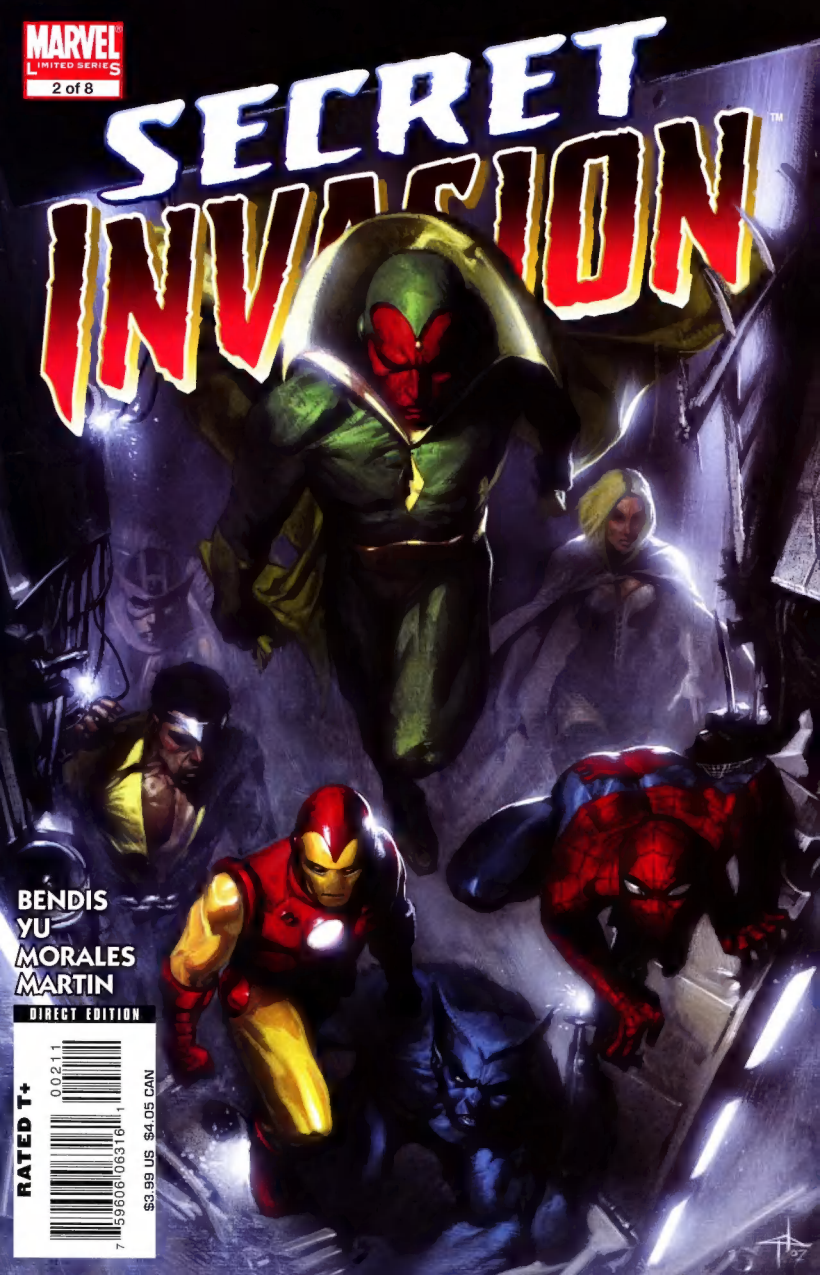
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A Skrull ship has crash-landed in the Savage Land. When both Iron Man's public Mighty Avengers team and Luke Cage's underground New Avengers arrive there, Luke opens the door of the ship, only to be met with a gathering of Earth's heroes from a more innocent time. From out of the pod comes Captain America, Spider-Man, Hawkeye and others who declare that they had been held captive by the shape-shifting Skrulls and have only now returned to Earth.

Meanwhile, when the ship door is opened, all over the world Skrull agents posing as humans begin to act. A Skrull posing as S.H.I.E.L.D. Commander Dum Dum Dugan destroys the Peak, S.W.O.R.D.'s space station, killing many of the agents on board. A Skrull posing as Jarvis, the Avengers' butler, unleashes an alien virus into Iron Man's StarkTech mainframe, sending all Stark-related technologies, including S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Helicarrier, into complete failure. A Skrull posing as Sue Storm, the Invisible Woman, breaks open the Baxter Building's Negative Zone portal, sucking half of the building--and half of the Fantastic Four--into the abyss. A Skrull posing as Captain Marvel attacks Thunderbolts Mountain. And just as Mr. Fantastic figures out how the Skrulls are able to remain undetectable, he is shot in the head by a Skrull posing as Yellowjacket.

And now, a Skrull armada is headed towards the Earth. The invasion has begun.

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THE SAVAGE LAND.
CAP, WHAT IS THIS?
I DON'T KNOW, SHELLHEAD!
LOOKS LIKE THOSE DAMN SKRULLS ARE PULLING ANOTHER TRICK OUT OF THEIR SLEEVES.
BUT WE'RE ON EARTH, RIGHT?
OH, WILL YOU CUT THE BULL!
I'M PICKING UP SOME BRAINWAVES HERE, GUYS. THEY THINK WE'RE THE SKRULLS.
AFTER WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY WANT US TO THINK THEY THINK.
YOU SKRULLS HAVE ABOUT TWO SECONDS TO TELL US--
AVENGERS, LISTEN TO ME NOW...
NNNNN...
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.

STARK, DANVERS, ALL OF YOU AVENGERS, YOU GO BACK TO THE MAINLAND.
NOW!
THIS IS A TRAP.
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
OKAY, BUT--
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
CHRISTMAS! THIS IS WHAT YOU SKRULLS THINK A' ME?
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
WAIT, LUKE, THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE YOU?
WORD.
I KNOW WHAT Y'ALL ARE TRYIN' TO DO.
I AM ARES, THE GOD OF WAR, AND YOU WILL LISTEN TO ME.
THIS IS NOT THE FIGHT. THIS IS A TRAP.
BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO FACE.
CLINT, BABY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE BEING MESSED WITH. HOLD STEADY, DOLL.
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
OH MY GOD!
BOBBI?
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
DAMN, I CAN'T TELL WHO'S WHO--
GUYS, MY SPIDER-SENSE ISN'T EVEN TINGLING...
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
REALLY? BECAUSE MINE'S DOING THE HUSTLE.
MY SENSORS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE HUMAN, BUT--
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
ALL OF YOU THAT CAN FLY... GET OUT OF HERE! I'LL HOLD OFF--
WERE YOU SKRULLS, WHAT? FOLLOWING US OR WAITING FOR US?
I DON'T GET IT! HOW WOULD THE SKRULLS KNOW WHERE WE WERE GOING TO CRASH-LAND?
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
EITHER WAY, I'D LIKE TO SMACK THE @#%% OUT OF ALL OF YOU, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
WORD!
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
I KNOW YOU SKRULLS ARE LOOKING TO START SOME.
I KNOW.
AND I WISH I WAS A STRONG ENOUGH MAN TO WALK AWAY FROM YOUR DISRESPECT...
STARKTECH ARMOR COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE.
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.

BUT YOU ALL REALLY NEED YOUR ASSES KICKED!

AGH!
VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
TONY, I KNOW YOU'RE HURTING BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GET IT TOGETHER, MAN. WE NEED YOU.
JUST GO! GO!
RRRRA! HAVE AT THEE!
ARGH!
WELL, I DO HATE MYSELF, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I FEEL LIKE SMACKING MYSELF AROUND.
UGH! PLEASE TELL ME I'M NOT THIS ANNOYING.
YOU ARE.
(I KNOW.)
NATASHA, HOW--
CRACK
SHUT IT!
FIIIIZZZ

JUST--HEY, MAN--SETTLE DOWN AND TALK TO ME. ARE YOU THE VISION?
MY NAME IS BOB REYNOLDS. I'M THE SENTRY. I'M AN AVENGER NOW. IF YOU'RE REALLY THE VISION, I CAN--
THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED, BOB.
WHAT?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
YOU DID THIS, BOB. THIS IS ALL YOU.
I AM THE VOID AND I BROUGHT THIS TO YOU, BECAUSE I AM YOU.
NOOO!
YOU BIRTHED THIS INTO EXISTENCE. I'M HERE BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT.
EVERYTHING IS COMING TOGETHER JUST LIKE YOU PLANNED.
YOU'RE DESTROYING THEM ALL FOR FORGETTING YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED THEM THE MOST.
NNNNO...
NOOO!

SNIKT
LET'S JUST GET--LET'S FIND THE REST OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND THE OTHERS!
LET'S FIND MY HUSBAND. HE'LL FIGURE THIS OUT.
ALL I KNOW IS, IF THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S A SKRULL...
...THEN I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO IT!
THIS BATTLE IS FOR NAUGHT! WE ARE NEEDED ELSEWHERE.
LET'S CALL A TIME-OUT, THEN.
CLOCK
AGH!
LIKE I HAVEN'T BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH THIS YEAR.
BOOM
HUT!
ALL KINDS OF CRAZY.

AGH!
FIIIZZZZCHUNCK
CHUNCK
AIIEE!
CAP'S DEAD, YOU SKRULL MOTHER!
FIIIZZZZCHUNCK
DAMN, MAYBE THAT IS--

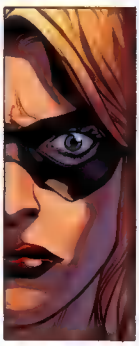
HUUAAARRRGGAARR!
FOOM
HUUAARRGGARR!
SQUITCH!
HUUAARRGGARR!

THERE.
WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S THE--AGH--IT'S THE MUTATE CITADEL. IT BELONGS TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE SAVAGE LAND.
THERE WAS A LABORATORY THERE ONCE UPON A TIME.
HOPEFULLY--AGH--HOPEFULLY IT'S STILL THERE.

OH MY GOD...WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
CAROL, LISTEN TO ME...
YOU-YOU FLY BACK TO THE MAINLAND... NOW!
I'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH--WITH WHAT I MUST ASSUME IS AN ALIEN VIRUS.
ALL MY TECH IS DAMAGED. S.H.I.E.L.D., AVENGERS TOWER...
I HAVE TO REBUILD FROM SCRATCH.

BUT THE OTHERS, OUR TEAM...
CAROL, THE ENTIRE WORLD IS IN DANGER!
YOU GO BACK TO THE MAINLAND! YOU FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED.
GATHER THE INITIATIVE. GATHER EVERYONE WHO'S LEFT...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I BUILT MY FIRST ARMOR FROM A LOT LESS THAN THIS.
I'M GOING TO DO THE ONE THING SKRULLS CAN'T IMITATE.
USE MY BRAIN.



GO!

SHIT!...
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU LOOK LIKE...YA COME NEAR ME, I'LL GUT YA.
EXCEPT YOU CAN'T. UNBREAKABLE SKIN.
UNBREAKABLE CLAWS.
AND LOOK AT THAT...

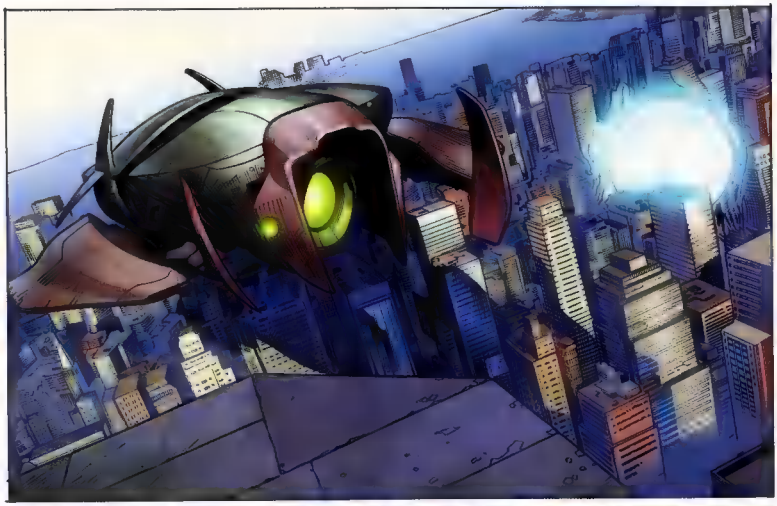
GOOD. THAT [redacted] THEY'RE ALL SKRULLS AND THEY WERE JUST--
DON'T MEAN NOTHIN'. NOTHIN' AT ALL.
EVERYONE SCATTERED.
DINOSAURS WILL DO THAT.
I JUST CAN'T SEE THE ANGLE. WHAT'S THE SKRULL PLAN?
THEY GOT US ALL STUCK DOWN HERE, FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES, FIGHTING EACH OTHER.
FIGHTING A WAR [redacted] WE CAN'T TRUST THE SOLDIER NEXT TO US.
WHY DON'T THEY JUST NUKE US OR-- OR SPACE-RAY US-- THEY HATE US SO MUCH?
I THINK THEY NEED THE PLANET INTACT. WITH US NOT ON IT. ESPECIALLY US.
THEY REALLY GOTTA HATE US AT THIS POINT. THEY WANT TO TORTURE US. THEY WANT US TO KILL EACH OTHER.
AND WE-- [redacted] FELL FOR IT.
I DIDN'T SEE THE SCOPE OF IT. I DIDN'T SEE THEM TAKING STARK OUT.
IF THAT WAS EVEN HIM.
THESE SKRULLS, THE REASON YOU CAN'T FATHOM IT ALL...
...IS BECAUSE THE ONES HERE, THEY'RE HERE ON A SUICIDE MISSION.
THEY'RE HERE TO...
RUSTLE
SON OF A--
SNIRT

I KNEW WE HAD A SKRULL OR TWO IN OUR GROUP BEFORE WE CRASHED.
I JUST-- I...
MAN, THIS PISSES ME OFF.
STOP THE SKIT, SKRULL.
I'M NOT A SKRULL.
MY NAME IS BOBBI MORSE, CODENAMED MOCKINGBIRD. I'M AN AVENGER AND AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
I'VE BEEN STUCK UP THERE FOR, I DON'T KNOW, AT LEAST A YEAR AND I--
STOP IT!
TOO BAD WE'RE ALL OUT OF--
AGH!
ARRGGH!
CHUNCK
BACK AWAY FROM THE GIRL!

DON'T FALL FOR IT!
DAMN IT!
I'M NOT A--
RRUSSLLE
THOSE AREN'T YOUR TOYS TO PLAY WITH, PAL.
TELL ■ SOMETHING ABOUT OCTOBER 12TH.
...
CLINT?
I KNOW WHO I AM.
OCTOBER 12TH!
BEFORE ALL OF THIS, WHEN WE WERE AVENGERS, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO...
I-I HAD ■ MISCARRIAGE. ■ DIDN'T TELL ANYONE.
ME AND MY HUSBAND WE FIGURED HIS OR HER BIRTHDAY WOULD HAVE BEEN OCTOBER 12TH.
WE REALLY WANTED THAT KID. AND OCTOBER 12TH...
...THAT...WOULD HAVE BEEN A NICE DAY.
OCTOBER 12TH.
I SHOULD'A TESTED THE SKRULL HAWKEYE WITH THAT ONE.
YOU DIED.
NO. I DIDN'T.

I THOUGHT--
I THOUGHT--
IT'S OKAY.
BARTON...
I KNOW. BUT THIS IS MY CALL.
BUT--
I KNOW WHAT I KNOW.
THERE'S NO WAY THEY WOULD KNOW WHAT SHE JUST SAID. NOBODY KNOWS THAT.
IF YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE.
WELL, YEAH. OKAY.
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS YOU WERE IN THAT SHIP WITH?
AT THIS POINT--I DON'T KNOW.
MAYBE THAT'S REALLY JESSICA JONES. MAYBE NOT.
MAYBE THAT'S REALLY CAP.
OH, WELL, YEAH...
THAT'S CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR SURE.
HE'S THE ONE THAT GOT US BACK TO EARTH.

MANHATTAN.
OSCORP
HOLY--! ARE YOU SEEING THIS?
GUYS, WE GOTTA GO DO SOMETHING.
WE'RE THE YOUNG AVENGERS. WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT THE BAXTER BUILDING EATING ITSELF?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING.
OH MAN...
WE SHOULD FIND THE AVENGERS AND OFFER TO HELP.



OH MAN...
SERIOUSLY.
I-I THINK THAT'S A--
KROOM
KROOM
KROOM
EVERYONE BRING A COSTUME?
WE'RE GONNA NEED MORE THAN COSTUMES...

TO BE CONTINUED...

In the beginning there were the Celestials.

These enormous Space-Gods came to Earth to perform genetic experiments as they had on many a planet. They took the primitive creature known as man and, from him, formed two new races. Some they twisted into monstrous forms, calling them Deviants. Some, they left resembling their human cousins but endowed with amazing powers. These became known as the Eternals. These two opposing forces were left to shape the destiny of mankind for purposes known only to the Space-Gods themselves.

For many years, mankind worshipped these Eternals as gods, just as it feared the Deviants as devils...but then came the day when the Eternals vanished, and the heavens were silent.

The Eternal known as Sprite, forever trapped in a prepubescent body, had stolen the Eternals' memories. As punishment for keeping him ever-young and treating him like the child he appeared to be, he tricked them into mass amnesia while making himself mortal, finally able to become an adult. The unknowing Eternals were scattered across the world, forced to live as men do.

Fortunately the Eternal known as Ikaris remembered his true identity, and was able to awaken some of his fellow Eternals. Soon, Makkari, Thena, Zuras, Ajak, Sersi, and the power mad Druig were also aware of their pasts.

In a play for control before all the Eternals realize their identities, the Deviants captured Makkari to use him to awaken the Dreaming Celestial. His awakening signaled the Horde, sort of cosmic locusts, to come devour the Earth. Now towering over Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, the Dreaming Celestial stands observing mankind until the Horde arrives to destroy the planet.

Now the Eternals need to find their lost brethren before the Horde arrives, all the while dealing with internal strife as the ambitious Druig vies for power. Can the Eternals come together in time to save the world?

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DREAMSPACE: MAKKARI AND THE DREAMING CELESTIAL.
IT IS YOUR WISH TO LOCATE THE OTHER (CLASSIFICATION: ETERNALS).
YES.
I WILL (EDUCATE/CLARIFY/HELP) YOU BY ALLOWING YOU TO ACCESS THE GENERAL ANALYSIS DICTATED BY MY (MANDATE/FUNCTION).
WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH FINDING MISSING ETERNALS?
I AM SYSTEMATICALLY CATALOGING EACH AND EVERY BEING WITH SKILLS AND POWERS THAT ARE ABOVE THE LEVEL OF HOMO SAPIEN-SAPIENS.
PAST OR PRESENT, IT MATTERS NOT.
EACH BEING IN CONTINUUM HAS A SPECIFIC LIFE (MARK/PATTERN/SIGNATURE).
EACH IS CONNECTED IN SOME WAY WITH ALL. ONE BEING ENCOUNTERS ANOTHER AND LEAVES BEHIND (EVIDENCE/TRAIL) OF CONTACT.
WHICH IS WHERE I COME IN.
CORRECT. I MUST BOND WITH A SPECIMEN OF THE TARGET SENTIENCE IN ORDER TO (ACCESS/FILTER/CATALOG) THE (MARK/PATTERN/SIGNATURE).

THAT VERY (MARK/PATTERN/SIGNATURE) IS REGISTERED AND IN TURN PASSED ON TO THE NEXT BEING THAT IS MET.
THUS, ALL BEINGS ARE CONNECTED.
HOW DOES ALL THIS HELP ME?
THE (CLASSIFICATION: ETERNALS) YOU SEEK ARE A SUBSET OF THE GENERAL ANALYSIS DICTATED BY MY (MANDATE/FUNCTION).
THOUGH (CLASSIFICATION: ETERNAL/DEACTIVATED) SPRITE HAS CORRUPTED THE IDENTITIES AND SELF-AWARENESS OF THE ONES YOU SEEK, THEIR (MARKS/PATTERNS/SIGNATURES) CANNOT BE ALTERED.
THIS IS HORRIFIC...
THIS IS LIFE. MUCH OF THE SAME IS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS.
YOU'RE RECORDING THEIR DEFENSES; PROBING THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES...
YOU INFER THAT I WISH TO MAKE AN OFFENSIVE ASSAULT ON YOUR (EARTH/PLANET/PLACE)?
IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER.

COME NOW. WE HAVE MUCH CATCHING UP TO DO...
...LEGBA.
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